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Hotel McCurdy, Evansville

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The program of the I. L. A. includes a number of fine features of which only a few can be mentioned. Miss Jessie Rittenhouse is to speak on "Irish poets and nationalism"; Rev. Paul J. Foik of Notre Dame University, on "Louvain"; Mr. Paul M. Paine, Syracuse, N. Y. Public Library, "Library service is

free"; Mr. Carl H. Milam, "Vocational literature and service"; Mr. George B. Utley, Secretary A. L. A., "The enlarged program of the A. L. A."; Mr. Melvin Bryant, Evansville, "Negro folk-music"; Mr. L. J. Bailey, A. L. A. Dispatch Office, "The greatest book store in the world"; Miss Mary Cain, Indianapolis, "The Branch librarian and the community". Among other speakers will be Miss Mary Eileen Ahern, Mr. Purd B. Wright, Kansas City Public Library, Mr. Floyd C. Ragland, Evansville.

The Round tables for problem discussions will be held Thursday afternoon. Mr. Edmund L. Craig is to preside over the Trustees' Round Table, Mr. Wm. M. Hepburn, over the College Round Table, Miss Orpha M. Peters, over that for Library Assistants, and Miss Georgia McAfee over the Round Table which will discuss Cooperation with schools, and Children's Aids. In addition to these Round Tables, eighteen committees have been appointed, made up of authorities along various lines. The personnel of these committees will, expect to answer any questions on their subject. The names of the committeemen will be given in the printed programs. These committees are as follows, have questions ready for them:

1. Budgets, salaries and training compensations.
2. Cataloging and classifying.
3. Cooperation with outside agencies.
4. Branches, deposit stations, factory and delivery stations.
5. Simplifying library records; labor saving devices, multigraph.
6. County and township extension.
7. Socializing the library and its reconstruction work.

8. Children's work—periodicals, reference work, school instruction, and book selection.

9. Problems of discipline, work schedules, staff meetings, page assistants.

10. Publicity.

11. New tax laws, incomes, increased cost, maintenance.

12. Vocational reading and service.

13. A. L. A. enlarged program.

14. Specialized departments and branches.

15. Qualifications and standardization of library work, librarian's reading.

16. Book buying and selection.

17. Reference work; care of pamphlets, clippings, maps and pictures.

18. School libraries.

The final day of the conference will be devoted to a trip to New Harmony. The morning will be given over to seeing the interesting features of the town and the Workingmen's Institute library, while in the afternoon there will be a session of the conference in the Auditorium of the Institute.

The Hotel McCurdy is to be headquarters for the conference, and most of the meetings will be held in the hotel assembly room. The rates at the McCurdy are as follows: Single rooms, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50. If these rooms are shared by two people, the rates are \$3.50 for a \$2 room, \$4 for a \$2.50 room, etc. The following prices hold for table d'hôte meals in the dining-room: breakfast, 65 cents; luncheon, 75 cents; dinner, \$1.50.

Other good hotels in Evansville are the Vendome and the Lincoln, but it is much pleasanter if all can stay at the same hostelry. Arrangements for accommodations should be made with the hotel direct.

INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION.

This meeting to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 19th and 20th, will have as its principal speakers Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick of the St. Louis Public Library, chairman of the A. L. A. Library Survey Committee; Mr. Charles E. Rush, librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library, and Mr.

Fred A. Sims of the State Tax Board. Mr. Bostwick will speak on "The library and the new day", Mr. Sims on the work of the State Tax Board under the new tax law, and Mr. Rush on "The trustee's part in the successful library".

The president's message on the tasks facing the I. L. T. A. will be presented by Mr. Sonntag at the opening session, while discussions will end the programs Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning and afternoon on "Is the Trustees' Association needed?", "How the new tax law affected my library", and "Points suggested by Mr. Rush's paper", led by Mr. Edmund L. Craig, Judge Ora L. Wildermuth, and Mrs. F. L. Swinehart, respectively.

LIBRARIANS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE.

Library boards and librarians are familiar with the Commission's position in advising that librarians be sent to state and district meetings, as a justifiable investment of library funds. The fact that some boards do not act on this advice, however, is no excuse for the librarian's failure to attend these meetings.

If a librarian is quite content with the results she is accomplishing within her field of labor and with that field, we can understand why she may hesitate to spend her own money. But if we knew of such a librarian we should make our prodding more urgent since the completeness of her satisfaction is a sign of her need of a fresh draft of inspiration.

The librarian, however, who wants to do bigger things in her own community or elsewhere cannot afford to pass up the opportunity of obtaining a new angle of vision or profiting by the many suggestions which come from a conference interchange of experience. If you are not sent to a meeting, attend anyway, and absorb the personal benefit. There will come a fresh satisfaction in the new work you can do at home, or at least a "divine discontent" with the old results.

Perhaps if conditions cannot be changed, it is a sign that your work in the community is accomplished, that a new person should take your place and that you should face new problems elsewhere. New opportunities come but seldom to the librarian who neglects to take part in professional conferences. The librarian who stays away from such meetings out of pique, is not harming her library board nearly so much as she is harming herself. Harbored resentment will unconsciously affect both her personality and her work. Do not let such an attitude interfere with your personal and professional development.

THE LIBRARY LEGISLATION.

There were two features and results of the new library legislation which were not yet evident when the last number of the Occurrent went to press. Both concern the Amended Township Support Act of 1911, to be found on page 448 of the 1919 Statutes.

In the first place, this re-enactment was passed by the legislature after the new tax law and because of its later date the provisions of the tax law do not affect it. This is the opinion of the attorney-general's office. Libraries are acting within their legal rights in still insisting that township advisory boards give them the five-cent levy even on the new valuation. The wisdom of so insisting is often questionable, especially when the town library rate is less than five cents, but we are here discussing the legal rights. This is probably the only case of tax levy in the state which is not subject to tax board action and it may be necessary to have the matter tested in court.

The other point results from a most unfortunate mistake in engrossing the amended Act before submission to the Governor for his signature. The act before amending began: "Whenever the legally organized library board of any public library . . . shall file notice with the township advisory board of any township in which such library is located or of any neighboring township in the same county," etc. In order to make

possible the obtaining of township support from an adjacent township over the county line, the words "in the same county" were stricken from the act at the instance of Senator Will Brown, a member of the Hebron Public Library Board. In this form the act passed both Senate and House and went to the Engrossing room. Here some blunderer struck out the words "township in the same" instead of the correct phrase. As a result, the bill as signed by the Governor (and this is the law) permits the library to file notice "with the township advisory board of any township in which such library is located or of any neighboring county".

This makes impossible the forcing of new township library support from a neighboring township in the same county, although such townships already served may be held. The attorney-general's office advised our going ahead with extension work in spite of the weakness in the law as, where force was not required, the advisory boards are permitted by other legislation to levy a library tax. The lack of ability to compel action when the advisory board refuses to comply with the wishes of the community is much regretted, and this feature will be remedied as soon as possible. South Whitley was deprived of the support from Washington Township this year because the advisory board stood on this technicality. Although the taxpayers' petition was filed in due form, the advisory board chose to disregard it and could not be mandated.

THE I. L. A. ROSTER AND THAT OF THE I. L. T. A.

The Commission was anticipating much help from the data sent in in response to the call for information by the I. L. A. Unfortunately only forty-one libraries out of the 194 tax-supported public libraries listed in the Commission's last report have returned the forms with the information requested. In a number of these forty-one the only form returned was that of the librarian, thus giving us no data for the

various assistants. Will not the librarians of the state give this matter their attention at once, filling out their blanks and seeing that their assistants do the same? Whether you are a member of the Association or not, please see that the form is returned to Miss Elizabeth C. Ronan, 104 State House., Sec. I. L. A. If you need more blanks please let Miss Ronan know.

The attention of librarians is also called to the fact that similar forms are to be sent out by the Trustees' Association very shortly. It is hoped that the response will be more prompt here, since the I. L. T. A. with its smaller membership needs every ounce of energy that the boards and the individual library trustees can afford it.

MAGAZINES FOR MEN.

Margaret A. Wade, Anderson Public Library.

We often hear trustees and librarians say that very few men use the library; that, aside from a few old faithfuls and youths of high school age, men will not come and many do not appear to know that the town has a library.

Is your library becoming a place frequented, chiefly by the women and children of the community? If so, are you trying to find a remedy for such a condition? It may be that you have selected books and periodicals which appeal to women, and have little to interest men in your library. In many of the smaller libraries there is a good supply of such magazines as *Modern Priscilla*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Delineator* and others devoted to women and fashions, but not an equal number that men would care for.

See to it that there are some good live magazines for them as well as for women readers. A merchant who caters to all classes of trade selects his stock of goods accordingly. He does not fill his shop with dimities, organdies and millinery and expect men to be his customers. Do not fill your magazine racks with style books only or

magazines on domestic economy and then expect a rush of masculine readers.

A list of magazines is given below that men will find interesting. Small libraries cannot afford to get all of these, but every librarian can manage to add some of them to her list and let her public know that they are in the library.

American City. (monthly) New York. \$3.00.

Two editions are published. The small library will find the Town and County edition more useful.

American Forestry. (monthly) Washington. \$3.00.

"An illustrated magazine about forestry" and tree conservation.

American Machinist. (weekly) New York. \$4.00.

Popular and practical magazine. Discusses machine-shop problems, etc.

American Magazine. (monthly) New York. \$2.00.

Contains popular short stories and serials, articles on politics, social questions and people and affairs of the day.

Atlantic Monthly. Boston. \$4.00.

For readers interested in authoritative discussion of political and economic questions, literary criticism and good fiction.

Better Roads and Streets. (monthly) Dayton, Ohio. \$1.00.

Building Age. (monthly) New York. \$2.00.

Useful articles on building. Gives interior as well as exterior views.

Business Digest Investment Weekly. New York. \$5.00.

A business magazine for those interested in industrial management, advertising and selling.

Century. (monthly) New York. \$4.00.

A good general magazine.

Collier's Weekly. New York. \$2.50.

An illustrated weekly. Very popular. Includes short stories and current events.

Concrete. (monthly) Detroit. \$2.00.

Country Gentleman. (weekly) Philadelphia. \$1.00.

Not a scientific paper. Is good for general reading in a rural community.

Current History. (monthly) New York Times Pub. Co. \$3.00.

Electrical Experimenter. (monthly) New York. \$3.00.

Popular and non-technical.

- Electrical World.** (weekly) New York. \$3.00.
- Everybody's.** (monthly) New York. \$2.00.
Good, inexpensive general magazine. Popular stories and articles on matters of current interest.
- Good Roads.** (weekly) New York. \$3.00.
"Devoted to the construction and maintenance of roads and streets."
- House and Garden.** (monthly) New York. \$3.00.
"Devoted to home planning, interior decoration and gardening."
- Illustrated London News; American ed.** (weekly) New York. \$11.25.
An illustrated weekly, excellent for any library that can possibly afford it.
- Illustrated World.** (monthly) \$2.00.
Formerly Technical World. Illustrated. Popular in style.
- Independent.** (weekly) New York. \$4.00.
One of the best weekly publications devoted to current affairs.
- Industrial Arts Magazine.** (monthly) Milwaukee. \$1.50.
Useful for amateurs and for teachers.
- Industrial Management.** (monthly)
Formerly the Engineering Magazine. Now includes other branches of industrial work.
- Life.** (weekly) New York. \$5.00.
Considered a luxury by many library boards, but any library who uses it finds that it does much to make the magazine corner popular. The best of the humorous periodicals.
- Literary Digest.** (weekly) New York. \$4.00.
- Living Age.** (weekly) Boston. \$6.00.
Reprints from a wide range of the best periodicals, giving access to a mass of material too expensive to obtain directly.
- Motor Age.** (weekly) Chicago. \$3.00.
- National Geographic Magazine.** (monthly) Washington. \$2.50.
- New Republic.** (weekly) New York. \$4.00.
Radical but stimulating.
- North American Review.** (monthly) New York. \$4.00.
Authoritative articles on politics, literature and art. For the thoughtful reader.
- Outing.** (monthly) New York. \$3.00.
Devoted to out-door life in all its phases.
- Popular Mechanics.** (monthly) Chicago. \$2.00.
- Popular science monthly.** New York. \$2.00.
Similar in character to Popular Mechanics, though covers slightly broader field.
- Printers Ink.** (weekly) New York. \$3.00.
Popular and useful for those interested in salesmanship and advertising.
- Review of Reviews.** (monthly) New York. \$4.00.
- Scientific American.** (weekly) New York. \$5.00. With Supplement, \$9.00.
- Scientific American Supplement.** (weekly) New York. \$5.00.
Articles longer and more technical than Scientific American.
- Scribner's Magazine.** (monthly) New York. \$4.00.
One of the best magazines for general reading.
- Survey.** (weekly) New York. \$4.00.
"Discusses all movements, public and private, whose purpose is social improvement."
- System.** (monthly) Chicago. \$3.00.
A business magazine.
- Travel.** (monthly) Chicago. \$4.00.
More general than National Geographic Magazine.
- World's Work.** (monthly) New York. \$4.00.

DEATH OF MR. THEODORE F. ROSE.

Mr. Theodore F. Rose, for more than twenty years a trustee of the Muncie Public Library, died suddenly at his home in Muncie, September 6th. Though Mr. Rose had been in failing health for several months no one realized his critical condition and his death came as a great shock to the community.

In his death the Muncie library loses a valuable member of the board. He was the first president of the board at the time of the reorganization under the new law in 1903 and through his untiring efforts the Carnegie library building now occupied was secured.

Mr. Rose was ever watchful of the interests of the library and was especially helpful in caring for the financial interests of the library, being chairman of the board's committee on finance at the time of his death and on the last day he was in his office he called a meeting of the committee

to plan for the income of the library under the new tax law.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Rose was actively identified with many interests both in Muncie and throughout the state, he never allowed anything to interfere with his duties connected with the library board and was present at all meetings unless prevented by sickness or absence from the city. He gave his time freely and was never too busy for a conference with the librarian or a member of the board. In his death the Muncie Public Library has suffered a great loss.

The library interests of the state have lost a friend and supporter as well, for Mr. Rose did not restrict his interest in libraries to the local institution. He took a very active part in the organization of the Indiana Library Trustees Association, and was the first president of this organization. He kept himself well informed of library legislation in the state and was always ready to help in forwarding good enactments.

PERIODICALS FOR RURAL CIRCULATION.

Libraries beginning rural service have often asked the Commission as to the advisability of circulating periodicals through the rural delivery systems, whether it would be worth while to duplicate magazines for this purpose, and which titles have proved most desirable as duplicates. To get the benefit of the experience of those who had tried out this matter, fifteen typical libraries doing fairly extensive rural work were asked to reply to these questions. Of the thirteen replies received, five did not circulate periodicals in the country at all, but only in one case had it been decided that duplication would not be worth while, and that was contrary to the desire of the librarian. Competition with a local magazine dealer had compelled one of the five to discontinue such circulation, after it had been successfully tried out. All the librarians considered such duplication and circulation more than worth

the money expended, and that better returns were obtained from such expenditure than had the same amount been put into books. Two of those reporting had not money for duplicating, but circulated those regularly taken in the library, though necessarily back numbers, and also any gifts contributed to the library's periodical collection. Both planned to duplicate as soon as the book fund permitted, and were very enthusiastic over results obtained even in such conditions.

In all, forty-one titles were reported as duplicated in some way, such duplication being indispensable when the library maintains branches as well as smaller deposit units. Several libraries find it necessary to take several duplicates of the most popular titles, to satisfy the demand, and one small library with two townships reports a magazine circulation of over 1,200 during May alone. Libraries with branches often also take magazines for some particular branch which are not duplicated in the main library, but which enrich the permanent reference collection there when through circulating. Some libraries send a list of possible duplications to the local branch librarian, and allow her to choose a certain number, and it is noticeable that such choices are well made.

Popular Mechanics, St. Nicholas and National Geographic are the titles most duplicated, being particularly necessary where much school work is done, and duplicated more than once in any extensive system. Several libraries also take several copies of Little Folks, sending them direct to schools with large numbers of small pupils. Next comes the group of women's magazines, with the Ladies' Home Journal liked a little better than Woman's Home Companion, and several libraries preferring to subscribe instead to Good Housekeeping, and rely on gifts for circulating copies of the two more generally taken by individuals. Travel magazines seem popular in rural stations, and reference magazines are well used, but the choice of titles is wider. Independent, Out-

look and World's Work lead; so many schools and individuals subscribe to Literary Digest that other titles have been found better for library duplication, though the Digest is undoubtedly the most popular reference magazine. American, Boy's Life and Youth's Companion form the third group in popularity, with Harper's Magazine and Everybody's the best-liked general periodicals, next to American magazine.

Where libraries have a number of gift periodicals, duplicates or otherwise, and deliveries to rural stations are at rather long intervals, a box of older periodicals, left permanently at each station has been found to be a welcome addition to the book deposit. Of course no statistics can be kept of such periodical circulation, but it forms an important item in the work of libraries with a limited book collection.

The following periodicals were recommended by one or more libraries:

American builder.
 American cookery.
 Boy's life.
 Century.
 Collier's Weekly.
 Country gentleman.
 Current opinion.
 Etude.
 Everybody's magazine.
 Forecast.
 Good housekeeping.
 Harper's magazine.
 Illustrated world.
 Independent.
 Inland poultry journal.
 Ladies' home journal.
 Life.
 Literary digest.
 Little folks.
 Modern Priscilla.
 Mother's magazine.
 Munsey's magazine.
 National geographic.
 Needlecraft.
 New country life.
 Outlook.
 Pictorial review.

Popular mechanics.
 Popular science monthly.
 Red Cross.
 Reliable poultry journal.
 Review of reviews.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scientific American.
 Saturday evening post.
 Scribner's magazine.
 Travel.
 Woman's home companion.
 World's work.
 Youth's companion.

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THE QUESTION OF LIBRARY SALARIES.

It is to be regretted that the following resolution came too late to be included in the July bulletin when it would have been particularly timely for consideration by library boards in connection with their budget plans. It is hoped that it will be given careful consideration none the less.

Many library boards are being obliged to raise their salary standards simply because their assistants are moving to better places and the positions cannot be filled at the old rate. But consideration is especially asked of those boards who are getting good service at a low salary because for one reason or another the librarian cannot leave the town. This is taking advantage of the librarian's necessities in a most unfair fashion. This is not meant as a statement that all librarians in Indiana should receive salary increases. Unfortunately, a very few are already getting larger salaries than their service to the community justifies.

But we do ask that you consider very definitely the injustice of obtaining first-class service at third-class rates. This is not merely a local matter affecting one librarian or one community. The harm done is more widespread than you think. Your low salary lowers the average and it is the general average of salary possibilities which will attract qualified or trained young women into the work.

And you may do direct harm in persuading the board at Johnsonburg not to pay more than your inadequate salary. Only this week when appearing before the Tax Board to request an additional \$300 for a library that needs the increase badly and which does good work, the Commission Secretary was asked what salary this librarian got. "Seventy-five dollars and she is worth it." "Preposterous," came the answer from the employe (not a commissioner) delegated to hear the case, "perfectly ridiculous; why our town is just as large and we pay our librarian only \$45. Let that board get a new librarian and they won't need this money. We've got a good librarian." And the pity of it is that they have, for not one cent of increase will be allowed to a library whose board has extravagantly (!!) allowed \$75 for the salary of a capable woman after fifteen years of service.

RESOLUTION ON SALARIES.

Adopted by the American Library Association, June 27, 1919.

Whereas, Investigations made by some of the most prominent members of the American Library Association have shown that salaries paid to library workers in the United States are inadequate to meet living expenses, and to compensate for the value of the services rendered; and

Whereas, The only way to meet the natural demand under present conditions, for higher salaries for library workers, is to secure increased appropriations; therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association strongly urge all governing or legislative bodies, federal, state, county, city, town or village to increase the appropriations for library salaries, in order to retain in the library service library workers who are forced by sheer necessity into other fields where the compensation constitutes a just return for scholarship and professional training; and, further, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association take every available means to give this resolution the widest publicity especially among those controlling appropriations for library salaries.

Attest:

GEORGE B. UTLEY,
Executive Secretary.

TOWN LIBRARY TAX RATES IN INDIANA.

In going over the library tax rate figures of last year preparatory to an appearance before the state tax board, some points were observed which may be of passing interest to the librarians and library boards of the state. One hundred seventy-six city and town tax supported libraries reported their tax rate. The average rate was just 8 cents on the \$100. Eleven libraries, none of them organized under the Public Library act of 1901, were supported but inadequately by rates of less than five cents. Fifty-six libraries had rates of five, six, or seven cents below the average levy, while 109 libraries levied the average rate or above it. The largest number of boards levying any one rate were the 83, 47 per cent of the total, which levied the maximum tax of ten cents.

This record will make an interesting comparison when the rates allowed under the new tax law are available. The results of the rate fixing by the tax board will not be available for some weeks yet, but libraries as a whole can count on little allowance over last year's levy. A number of boards where more money was needed and where they have previously not levied the maximum tax, did not even take the trouble to appear before the state tax board to appeal for more funds. Some who did appeal received slight consideration and one of the most interesting features of the I. L. T. A., November 19th and 20th, should be the symposium and discussion led by Judge Wildermuth on "How the new tax law affected my library".

LIBRARY EXTENSION IN INDIANA.

The resumption of library activities throughout the state has been very marked during the past six months. The library news columns of the Occurrent show this very plainly. Ten new libraries, nine of them tax supported, are added to the state list, all of these organized during the past half year. Noblesville and Rising Sun are added to the five libraries already operating under the county law.

The extension of library service to adjacent townships affects a great many of the libraries of the state. Three libraries at least, Clinton, Hebron, and Nappanee, took advantage of the new feature of the township law which permits libraries to offer service to townships in another county. The following libraries, some of them new libraries, will serve their townships for the first time: Corydon, Ladoga, Nappanee, North Manchester, Otterbein, Portland, Stilesville, and Swayzee. Other libraries which have reached out into new townships are Brook, Butler, Clinton, Hebron, Plymouth. This is probably not a complete list as we know of a number of other campaigns where favorable results were expected, but from which we have had no returns.

In addition to township extension, two incorporated towns levied a municipal tax for service from adjacent large libraries. Westchester in Porter County will be served by the Gary Public Library and Bristol in Elkhart County will be served by the Elkhart Public Library.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY FOR INDIANA LIBRARIES.

In order to observe how well the librarians of the state were utilizing their local papers, a close count was made in the Commission office of the items furnished by the Clipping Bureau bearing May, June, and July dates. Doubtless the items for the fall months would have been more numerous, but there was some value to watching the work of attracting patrons in those

months when the circulation statistics are lightest.

Seventeen libraries, two of them in counties without railroads, were in the group that made the best showing. These had space or mention in at least twelve local items during the three months, an average of one appearance each week. This checked different news items, not merely duplications in different papers. Inasmuch as such a showing indicates real forethought and effort, the Commission wishes to congratulate the librarians—and the library board—of Bluffton, Columbia City, Elkhart, Evansville, Gary, Fort Wayne, Huntington, Indianapolis, Laporte, Lawrenceburg, Logansport, Rising Sun, Seymour, South Bend, Terre Haute, Tipton and Vevay.

The second group of libraries numbers eighteen. The clippings from each of these towns were from six to ten for the period, at least one article for every two weeks, a fair showing. These libraries were Aurora, Connersville, Corydon, Crown Point, Frankfort, Franklin, Gas City, Jeffersonville, Kentland, Liberty, Marion, New Castle, Peru, Portland, Shelbyville, Valparaiso, Vincennes, and Warsaw.

There were eighty-five libraries in the third group which obtained from one to five items in the course of the three months. Eleven of these were in small towns without newspapers, and their space had to be obtained in the "Neighboring Communities" column of out-of-town papers.

But of seventy-six of our libraries there was no mention at all during the entire six months. Thirty of these were in towns which had no newspapers listed by the Clipping Bureau service. In each of the other forty-six, however, were either dailies or weeklies which were clipped each issue, yet the local library did not appear to be mentioned in the course of a quarter of a year. Two of these were cities of twenty thousand, three more over ten thousand, eleven of them county seats. Two of the libraries are in charge of library school graduates. In ten of the towns conspicuously good library work is being done.

Do not play the modest violet. Tell the public at large of your resources, your plans, your problems, your successes. It will mean more patrons, a more interested community, a live library, not to speak of the librarian.

CARNEGIE DONATIONS TO INDIANA.

The recent death of Mr. Andrew Carnegie makes a summary of his gifts in this state most appropriate. The strong library law under which most of our libraries are organized was enacted the year when Mr. Carnegie's first library gift was made to an Indiana library. It is the knowledge that such donations were available as well as the good legislation and the activities of the Commission that has given Indiana its rank in the library world. Only one other state in the union has more library buildings than have we, and none has as many proportionate to its population.

In this connection, however, it must be noted that it is not the number of buildings in a state, but the way in which the libraries are supported which marks the value of this institution in the community at large. It is undoubtedly our clear and authoritative law which results in the libraries being so well kept up. There are two neighboring states where the Carnegie corporation will make no further gifts because contracts made with town boards have not been lived up to. It is very seldom that a complaint of that sort is made in regard to an Indiana library, and our record at present is nearly 100 per cent perfect.

A total of \$2,614,000 has been contributed to Indiana libraries by Mr. Carnegie either directly or indirectly through the Carnegie corporation. Over two and a half million went to 167 public libraries of the state and \$92,000 to the college libraries at De Pauw and Earlham. Another \$53,000, about 2 per cent of the total, has been offered to five other communities in the course of the past eighteen years, but refused or forfeited by non-use.

The first Carnegie building completed in Indiana was at Crawfordsville, which was

thrown open to the public July 29, 1902, according to the records of the Commission office. The offer of funds for this building bears the date of March 8, 1901. The Portland library was completed in September, 1902, the Marion library December 6, 1902, and the Goshen library was opened to the public January 15, 1903. The dates for the donations of the last three institutions are not available.

Other libraries receiving donations during the first year were:

Wabash, completed April, 1903.

Peru, completed May, 1903.

Elkhart, completed October, 1903.

Fort Wayne and Muncie both opened to the public New Year's day 1904. Ten more libraries received gifts from Mr. Carnegie during 1902: Alexandria, Bedford, Columbus, Danville, Greencastle, Huntington, New Albany, Shelbyville, Tipton, and Washington. All except New Albany were completed during 1903, Huntington and Washington in February of that year, Bedford in April, Greencastle, Shelbyville and Columbus in June, Tipton in November, and Alexandria and Danville in December.

CHEERFUL STORIES.

The following list compiled by Miss Mary Lemon of the Indianapolis Public Library staff and first published in the Indianapolis Star of August 31st, is much too good to risk its being missed by any Indiana librarian. Therefore we reprint it with Miss Lemon's introduction. We regret that space does not permit the inclusion of the notes written for each volume.

"There has been an effort recently in public libraries to select fiction altogether entertaining and delightful for the use of convalescents and especially shell-shocked patients. This class of fiction has been called for very generally in the last few months, for almost anyone will admit that he is convalescing from something or other—mental or otherwise—and needs to be amused. Believing that more readers wish to be entertained than instructed, we are suggesting these stories which have been given the

'acid test' of much circulation, and have proved highly amusing:"

- Abbott, E. H. Molly Make-Believe.
 Adams, S. H. Little Miss Grouch.
 Bacon, Mrs. J. D. D. On our hill.
 Barnes-Grundy, Mrs. Mabel S. Patricia plays a part.
 Bartlett, F. O. The Wall Street girl.
 Brainerd, E. H. How could you, Jean?
 Butler, E. P. Pigs is pigs.
 Calhoun, F. B. Miss Minerva and William Green Hill.
 Chambers, R. W. Iola.
 Cooke, M. B. Bambi.
 Daviess, Maria. The melting of Molly.
 Ford, P. L. Wanted, a chaperon.
 — Wanted, a matchmaker.
 Harris, C. M. W. Making her his wife.
 Hay, I. Scally.
 Laughlin, C. E. Everybody's lonesome.
 Lea, F. H. Chloe Maloe.
 Martin, G. M. Emmy Lou.
 Merwin, Samuel. Temperamental Henry.
 Miller, Mrs. A. D. Come out of the kitchen.
 Porter, R. E. Henry of Navarre, Ohio.
 Rice, A. C. H. The Honorable Percival.
 Richmond, G. L. The Twenty-Fourth of June.
 Sawyer, R. Seven miles to Arden.
 Snaith, J. C. Araminta.
 Stockton, Frank. The casting away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine.
 Street, J. L. The need of change.
 Tarkington, Booth. Seventeen.
 Turner, J. H. Simple souls.
 Warwick, A. The best people.
 Webster, J. Daddy-Long-Legs.
 Webster, H. K. The thoroughbred.
 Wells, H. G. Bealby.
 Weston, G. The Apple-tree girl.
 Western, George. Oh, Mary, be careful.
 Widdemer, Margaret. The rose garden husband.
 Williamson, C. N. and A. M. Lord Loveland discovers America.
 Wilson, Leon. Ruggles of Red Gap.
 Wister, O. Mother.
 Wodehouse, P. G. Picadilly Jim.
 — Something new.

GETTING THE MOST FROM LIBRARY VISITORS.

Two laughing complaints were overheard by a Commission staff member during the past month as a result of visits in Indiana paid by librarians on their vacations. Said Miss B., "While visiting a friend who recently moved to A., I suggested that we visit the library and get acquainted. As we came in, I noticed that the librarian, whom I knew, was not on duty, but at the desk sat a young woman much absorbed in a newspaper. She did not look up as we entered, nor did she raise her eyes until we had stopped in front of the desk. 'Is Mrs. C. in,' I asked. 'No, she isn't,' came the reply, polite but uninterested, and that was all we got, no offer of assistance, no query as to our wants. We turned away. We strolled around the room for five minutes, and then left without a glance from the attendant. My friend made no comment, but I know she was thinking."

The librarian of one of our large libraries visited another library of the same rank and introducing herself, asked for the librarian. She was not in. The attendant said they were glad to meet the visitor, who explained that it was her first visit in the city, but there was no offer to show her the library. Apparently they were not discourteous, just careless, careless as to the help they might give and certainly thoughtless of what they might obtain from the comment or suggestions of the visitor.

The Commission furnishes the text, the sermon is left to the individual librarian.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN.

Adelborg, Otilia. Clean Peter. Longmans.....	\$1.25
Baby's linen alphabet book. Warne.....	2.00
Bailey, C. S. Firelight stories. Bradley.....	1.00
Bailey, C. S. For the children's hour. Bradley.	
Book 1, 50c; book 2.....	.60
Baldwin, James. Fairy stories and fables. American bk. Co.....	.35
Bass, M. F. Lessons for beginners in reading.	
Heath25
Beckwith, M. H. In myth land. 2v. Education pub. Co.....	ea. .40

Bingham, M. A. Merry animal tales. Little....	\$0.60	Poulsson, Emilie. Through the farmyard gate.	
Bigham, M. A. Mother Goose village. Little....	.75	Lothroppe	\$1.25
Blaisdell, M. F. Twilight town. Little.....	.60	Quinn, E. V. Kewpie primer; illus. by Rose	
Book of the Zoo. Dutton.....	.75	O'Neill. Stokes.....	.75
Brooke, F. Nursery rhyme picture book. Warne	1.00	Smith, E. B. Chicken world. Stokes, E.....	1.50
Brooke, Leslie. Johnny Crow's garden. Warne	1.00	Smith, E. B. Santa Claus and all about him.	
Bryant, S. C. Stories to tell to children. Hough-		Stokes	1.50
ton	1.10	Stevenson, R. L., Child's garden of verse. Scrib-	
Bryant, S. C. Stories to tell the littlest ones.		ner75
Houghton. Illus. by Willy Pogany.....	2.25	Wiggin, K. D. Pinafore palace (Crimson series).	
Bryant, S. C. Same. School edition.....	1.00	Grosset75
Burgess, Gelett. Goop directory. Stokes.....	.75	Wiggin, K. D. Posey ring (Crimson series).	
Burgess, T. W. Old Mother West Wind. Little.	1.00	Grosset75
(First of very popular series.)			
Caldecott, Randolph. Hey diddle diddle picture			
book. Warne.....	.50		
(Other of the Caldecott books can be had in			
this edition.)			
Carriek, Valery. Still more Russian picture tales.			
Longmans	1.25		
(Other Carriek picture tales are: Picture			
tales and More Russian picture tales.)			
Carroll, C. F. Brooks primer. Appleton.....	.36		
Comstock, E. B. Tuck-me-in-stories. Moffat....	1.25		
Cox, Palmer. Brownie primer. Century.....	.50		
Cox, Palmer. Brownie books. Century.....	1.50		
(There are 9 volumes.)			
Crane, Walter. Red Riding Hood's picture book.			
Lane	1.25		
(All the old favorites such as Cinderella;			
Beauty and the Beast; Goody Two Shoes; etc.,			
have been illus. by Crane and are published in			
this edition.)			
Deming, Mrs. T. O. Indian child life; illus. by			
E. W. Deming. Stokes.....	2.00		
(Published also in 2 parts: Little Indian			
folk, and Little red people).....ea.	1.25		
Fox, F. C. Indian primer. Putnam.....	.32		
Foulke, F. F. Braided straws. Silver.....	.40		
Frances, J. G. Book of cheerful cats. Century.	1.00		
Garnett, L. A. Muffin shop. Rand.....	1.00		
Grimm, J. L. K. Fairy tales. Jacobs.....	1.00		
Grover, E. O. Overall boys in Switzerland. Rand	.50		
Grover, E. O. Subonnet babies in Holland. Rand	.50		
Guigou, Paul. Animal trainer. Duffield.....	.50		
Guigou, Paul. Animals in the ark. Duffield....	.50		
Harris, A. V. Toy shop book. Scribner.....	.64		
Ivimey, J. W. Complete version of the three			
blind mice. Warne.....	.50		
Knobel, Elizabeth. When little thoughts go			
rhyming. Rand.....	.75		
LeMair, H. W. Old nursery rhymes. 4v. Mc-			
Kay35		
Mother Goose, illus. by Jessie Wilcox Smith. Mc-			
Kay	1.00		
Mother Goose, illus. by Blanch Fisher Wright.			
Rand	1.50		
Mother Goose, illus. by Frederick Richardson.			
Volland	1.50		
Newell, Peter. Topsy and Turvy. Century....	1.00		
Perkins, L. F. Dutch twins primer. Houghton.	.44		
Potter, Beatrix. Peter Rabbit books. Warne.ea.	.50		

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PACKAGE LIBRARY.

For the benefit of new librarians, the Commission once more calls attention to the Package Library branch of the University Extension Division which is in charge of Miss Harriet Bercholdt of Bloomington. The Package Library has available material on two hundred present day questions and librarians or teachers may send in at any time for material on any subject.

The Libraries are collections of articles clipped from current periodicals, and of reports, addresses, and pamphlets issued by Federal and State organizations. A mass of material giving up-to-date information in compact form upon live questions of public interest is thus constantly ready for publication.

As new questions of wide public interest come into prominence, libraries of these questions will be collected as rapidly as possible. Some of the newest topics on hand are: Disabled Soldiers, Re-education, the Peace Conference, the League of Nations, Americanization, Public Ownership and Bolshevism.

Librarians are urged to take advantage of this opportunity of getting material for special community needs.

LIBRARIANS AND COUNTY WAR HISTORY WORK.

The State Historical Commission which has been charged with the work of collecting local records for the compilation of the

official history of Indiana's part in the war, reports the following librarians and trustees in charge of the complete collection of their respective counties:

Greene County, Mrs. Clodia H. Scott, librarian, Worthington Public Library.

Martin County, Miss Della Taylor, librarian, Shoals Public Library.

Morgan County, Miss Bessie Caldwell, librarian, Martinsville Public Library.

Porter County, Miss Bertha Joel, librarian, Valparaiso Public Library.

Scott County, Miss Permelia Boyd, Secretary of library board, Scott County Public Library, Scottsburg.

Spencer County, Mrs. Helen R. Swan, President of library board, Rockport.

Vigo County, Mrs. May C. Dodson, assistant, Terre Haute Public Library.

Whitley County, Mrs. Gladys H. Brennenman, Secretary of public library board, Columbia City.

A number of other librarians have had charge of similar work in smaller town and township units.

COOPERATION WITH THE SCHOOLS.

From the Ligonier Leader of September 18th we print the following statement which may be usable in other communities where the school work is emphasized:

How the Teacher and Librarian Work Together.

What the Teacher Does.

Encourages the child to use the library.
Welcomes the library to the schoolroom.
Assigns topics to be looked up at the library by the class.

Notifies the librarian in advance of subjects assigned for class research.

Impresses upon the children in the classroom the proper care of books.

Obtains from the library, a classroom library.

What the Librarian Does.

Visits schools to understand better the class needs.

Keeps for use of the class books on any subject whereon notice is given in advance by the teacher.

Instructs classes in the use of the catalogue and the place of books on the shelves, upon application by the teacher.

Invites teachers to visit the library and to make suggestions. Seeks to understand the school problems and to render all practical assistance.

The township school receives the same consideration as that of the town.

SHORTER LISTS ON CHILD WELFARE.

The following lists have been compiled for the benefit of small libraries which have difficulty in selecting books for purchase from the larger splendid list of the Children's Bureau:

BOOKS FOR MOTHERS, ON THE CARE AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHILDREN

Compiled by the Newark Public Library

Care of mothers and infants

Expectant motherhood. J. W. Ballantyne. N. Y. Funk, 1914. \$1.50.

Prenatal care. Mrs. Max West. U. S. Dept. of Labor, Children's Bureau. Care of Children Series No. 1. 1913.

The care of the baby. U. S. Public Health Service. Supplement no. 10 to the Public Health Reports. 1913.

Infant care. Mrs. Max West. U. S. Dept. of Labor, Children's Bureau. Care of Children Series No. 2. 1914.

Care and feeding of children. L. E. Holt. N. Y. Appleton. 1915. 85c.

When to send for the doctor and what to do before the doctor comes. F. A. Lippert. Philadelphia. Lippincott, 1913. \$1.25.

1,000 things a mother should know. M. B. Croy. N. Y. Putnam. 1917. \$1.50.

Food for young children. Farmers' Bulletin 717. Supt. of Documents.

Healthy baby. R. H. Dennett. N. Y. Macmillan. 1912. \$1.25.

Care and feeding of infants and children. W. R. Ramsey. Philadelphia. Lippincott. 1916. \$2.

Home care of sick children. E. L. Coolidge. N. Y. Appleton. \$1.

Nervous children. B. R. Tucker. Boston. Badger. 1916. \$1.25.

General Hygiene

- Handbook of health. Woods Hutchinson. Boston. Houghton. 1911. \$1.50.
 Fresh air and how to use it. T. S. Carrington. N. Y. Nat. Assoc. for Study of Prevention of Tuberculosis. 1912. \$1.
 Health, strength and power. D. A. Sargent. N. Y. Dodge Pub. Co. 1904. \$1.50.

Detailed hygiene of children

- The child. A. E. Tanner. Chicago. Rand-McNally. 1915. \$1.25.
 Stuttering and lisping. E. W. Scripture. N. Y. Macmillan. 1912. \$1.60.

Developmental psychology

- Psychology of childhood. Frederick Tracy. Boston. Heath. 1894. \$1.28.
 Psychology of child development. Irving King. Chi. U. of Chi. Press. 1913. \$1.
 Mental growth and control. Nathan Oppenheim. N. Y. Macmillan. 1910. \$1.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

A short list on health and hygiene, compiled by Miss Bascom for the Children's Bureau, at Washington, D. C.

- Bailey, R. R. Sure pop and the safety scouts. 1915. 129p. illus. World Book Co. 48c.
 Cole, N. B., and Ernst, C. H. First aid for boys. 1917. 196p. illus. Appleton. \$1.25.
 Conn, H. W. Physiology and health. 1916. 438p. Silver, Burdett co. 78c.
 Dawson, Jean. The boys and girls of garden city. 1914. 346p. illus. Ginn. 88c.
 Ferguson, H. W. Child's book of the teeth. (New world health readers.) 1918. 63p. illus. World Book Co. 44c.
 Field, Jessie, and Nearing, Scott. Community civics. 1916. 27p. illus. Macmillan. 60c.
 Forbush, W. B. The young folks' book of ideals. Book 1, The sturdy body. 1916. 580p. illus. Lathrop. \$2.
 Guerber, H. A. Yourself and your house wonderful. 1913. 301p. illus. Uplift Pub. Co. \$2.
 Gulick, Mrs. C. E. Emergencies. (Gulick hygiene series.) 1909. 173p. illus. Ginn. 48c.
 Hood, Ernest. Fighting dirt. 1916. 224p. illus. Harrap.
 Hutchinson, Woods. Community hygiene. 1916. 310p. illus. Houghton. 60c.
 Hutchinson, Woods. The child's day. 1912. 184p. illus. Houghton. 44c.
 Jewett, Mrs. F. G. The body and its defenses. (Gulick Hygiene series.) 1910. 342p. illus. Ginn. 76c.
 Jewett, Mrs. F. G. Control of body and mind. (Gulick Hygiene series.) 1908. 287p. illus. Ginn. 60c.
 Jewett, Mrs. F. G. The body at work. (Gulick Hygiene series.) 1909. 247p. illus. Ginn. 76c.

Jewett, Mrs. F. G. Town and city. (Gulick Hygiene Series.) 1906. 272p. illus. Ginn. 60c.

Jones, M. F. Keep-well stories for little folks. 1916. 140p. illus. Lippincott. 75c.

Kinne, Helen, and Cooley, A. M. Clothing and health. 1916. 302p. illus. Macmillan. 65c.

Kinne, Helen, and Cooley, A. M. Food and Health. 1916. 312p. illus. Macmillan. 65c.

Mayberry, J. W. and L. W. Primary physiology, hygiene, and sanitation. 1917. 218p. illus. Eckdall & McCarty, Emporia, Kansas. 30c.

Millard, C. N. The wonderful house that Jack has. 1918. 359p. illus. Macmillan. 50c.

Peterson, Mrs. Frederick. Child health alphabet. 1918. 31p. illus. Child Health organization, 156 Fifth Ave., N. Y. Free.

Torelle, Ellen. Plant and animal children; how they grow. 1912. 230p. illus. Heath. 72c.

Winslow, C. E. A. Healthy living. Book 1. How children can grow strong for their country's service. 1918. 234p. illus. Merrill. 52c.

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

The Commission rather anticipated a number of additions to our list of libraries contributing books for the service men in the spring drive. The only additional item reported was a shipment of 103 volumes from the New Harmony library, which brings the total up to 16,325 books shipped from Indiana as a result of the drive.

SUMMER SCHOOL STANDINGS.

All students at the Commission Summer School for Librarians who completed the course, obtained a passing grade and those who were High School graduates will be entitled to a certificate on the completion of a year's work in their libraries.

As a whole, the standings of the class were higher than those of last year, though no one's record was so good as that of Miss McCray of last year's class. It may be interesting to note that but twenty per cent of the 1918 class ranked above 85, while fifty per cent of the 1919 class obtained standings above this mark. Miss Irene Branham of the Indianapolis Library, held first place with a rank of 92. Miss Bertha Bowlby of Shelbyville came second with 91, and Miss Alma Kehoe of Washington was third with a rank of 90. Five other young women

obtained an average of 89, Misses Chenoweth of Huntington, Lewis of Pendleton, Schrock of Plymouth, Stouder of Goshen, and Mrs. Norris Talley of Mooresville.

REPORTED IN AN INDIANA LIBRARY.

"No, thank you," said the visitor. "I can find what I want. It's so warm today I think I'll just pick out a good love story and loaf." The book she finally had charged at the desk was Needham's "Double squeeze".

WATER AND LIGHT RENT.

One of our smaller libraries has just requested information on this subject. What libraries in Indiana receive either water or light free of charge from their municipal plants? Or is a special reduction made to civic institutions such as the schools, libraries, police stations, etc.? We would much appreciate answers to these questions from our libraries for the benefit of the little library seeking the information.

OPEN COURSES FOR LIBRARY WORKERS OF EXPERIENCE.

The Library School of the New York Public Library plans to give in 1920 a number of open courses, beginning January 5th and extending over a period of twelve weeks. Lectures will be offered in Administration, Book-selection, Children's work and literature, Current events, The materials and artistic side of book-making, Reference work, The relation of the library and the community, Special libraries, School libraries, and Vertical filing. Arrangements may be made for practice work in the New York Public Library and adjoining local libraries, dependent upon the individual needs of candidates and the convenience of the library concerned.

These courses are designed to assist library workers of experience who feel that they will be benefited by getting away for

a time from their posts and coming into touch with a new center of library interest and activity. An opportunity will be offered for contact with leaders in various branches of the profession, who will come direct from their libraries to speak upon the phases of library effort in which they are engaged.

Among those who have promised to take charge of courses are Mr. F. W. Jenkins, Librarian of the Russell Sage Foundation (Library and community); Miss Annie Carroll Moore, Supervisor of work with children in the New York Public Library, and Miss Alice M. Jordan, Supervisor of work with children, Boston Public Library (Children's work and literature); and Miss Isadore G. Mudge, Reference Librarian of Columbia University (Reference work). Lectures on special libraries will be given by the heads of such libraries. In some of the discussions in book selection representatives of publishing houses and editorial offices will be invited to take part.

Inasmuch as it is desired to render as broadly available as possible the local opportunities incident to these courses it is planned to arrange the schedule so that those attending may enjoy freedom to visit libraries and to make the most of the advantages in the fields of art, civics, literature, music and drama, which are afforded by residence in New York City.

A fee of three dollars per course will be charged, payable in advance. Persons interested will please address inquiries to the Principal, Library School of the New York Public Library, 476 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

JUST NOTES.

One of the most helpful sources of foreign pictures for the library's clipping collection is the Bulletin of the American Red Cross.

The Clinton Public Library, which serves a community presenting many special problems, yet with a relatively low tax valuation, would like to make arrangements to borrow small collections of foreign books from libraries with more adequate resources.

Will librarians who will help please address Miss Mamie Martin, Librarian?

Does your library receive the extremely helpful book bulletins issued by a number of the large city libraries? The book notes contained will prove equally valuable for the librarian's information and for use in local newspaper columns. Like the reviews in the Atlantic's Bookshelf, they are bound to draw readers. The following are the most useful and several of them are free:

Chicago Public Library Book Bulletin.

Cleveland Public Library Open Shelf.

New York Branch Library Notes.

Pittsburgh Public Library Monthly Bulletin.

St. Louis Public Library Monthly Bulletin.

Springfield City Library Bulletin.

Do you see that the assistants in your library read the Occurrent and other professional literature that comes to the librarian's desk? Try quizzes at the monthly staff meeting.

Please note that lists on various subjects sent out by the Commission to a library are the property of the library and to be preserved there. These are not the personal property of the librarian to be carried away or discarded when she leaves the institution.

Many of the books and pamphlets in the lists offered by the Children's Bureau are free or cheap material. Are you obtaining such free material or these lists in quantity for distribution among your patrons, your teachers and your clubs?

Librarians occasionally ask our help in obtaining current state documents, usually not knowing that an apportionment of these has been made to each county in the state, and that the individual county clerk is responsible for their distribution. Please make your application to him.

One of the most useful collections of recitations is the Speakers Series, published by Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge, New York City. These appear quarterly at 45 cents a number in paper, or 65 cents bound. They are also sold in a set of 8 volumes, 4 numbers

to a volume at \$1.75 per volume. For those not wishing the entire set, the Wisconsin Library Commission recommends numbers 9, 10, 11, 14, 19, 23, 24, 28, and 31.

Do all librarians know that Dodd, Mead & Co. lists the following in their array of reasons why libraries should purchase the New International? "Tenth—Because if a library vandal removes a leaf, map, or illustration, we will replace the same without expense."

Libraries not now subscribing for the Bookman, should try to include it in their 1919 list. Each month's number seems more interesting and a new feature added this fall will be particularly helpful to libraries. This is a monthly review of the new children's books edited by Miss Annie Carroll Moore of the New York Public Library. The first article appeared in the September Bookman.

A helpful chart showing all the departments of the federal government with a list of their sub-bureaus, is for sale by the Federal Employe Co., 437 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This chart, which sells at 15 cents, is ten by fourteen inches.

A ten-volume 1906 edition of the Century Dictionary in almost perfect condition is for sale by Mr. H. V. Luce, 3020 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis. A tentative price of \$1.25 per volume is mentioned in the communication sent us. The set includes both the Atlas and the Book of names.

The Columbus (Ind.) Public Library has a number of sets of the works of classic English authors in good physical condition. These will be sold cheaply to any library which can use them, not for open shelf display but for distribution or separate calls for school and extension work.

FREE MATERIAL WORTH ASKING FOR.

Has your library any items for this column, any duplicates to offer? Material of a local nature would be especially appre-

ciated be it pamphlet or book. May we ask whether any library has a spare copy of the War Library Bulletin, No. 1, August, 1917? The Commission's file lacks this number and the Library War Service cannot supply it.

The Ligonier Public Library has a ten-volume encyclopedia (not one of the standards) of a date in the 1890's, but in good condition, which it will donate to any small public or school library applying.

Libraries in "The Pocket" which do not subscribe for the Indiana Magazine of History will do well to purchase a copy of the June, 1919, number. The 90-page article on "The coming of the English in 1817" will be found full of local interest for this district.

The following unbound magazine files are to be had by applying to the Public Library Commission:

American Historical Review, vols. 16 and 17, October, 1910-July, 1912.

The Dial, vols. 64, 65, January-December, 1918. Lacks January 3, July 4, November 2, December 14.

Living Age, vols. 199-201, October, 1918-June, 1919. Lacks January 25, June 28.

Nation, vol. 105, July-December, 1917. Lacks 3 numbers.

Reader's guide to periodical literature. 1915-1918, also January-May, 1919.

Through the kindness of Mrs. John T. Dye, the Commission has for distribution a number of copies of the volume of addresses and essays of John T. Dye, entitled "Ideals of Democracy."

Dodd, Mead & Co. have added to their set of pamphlet biographies for free distribution:

Archibald Marshall, 8p.

J. Henri Fabre, 16p.

Southern Pine Association, New Orleans:

"Southern Homes for workmen", 1919, a 250 page bound volume, well illustrated, with pictures and plans. This will be found very useful in all of our libraries.

Indiana Public Service Commission:

Compilation of Indiana public utility laws.

Purdue University:

How to grow alfalfa. Circular 36. Revised 1919.

U. S. Agricultural Department:

Department bulletin 775. Lessons on dairying for rural schools.

Department circular 25. Points for egg buyers.

Farmers bulletin 1040. Illustrated poultry primer. 25p.

Farmers bulletin 1049. Baling hay. 34p.

U. S. Children's Bureau:

Mimeographed list of bulletins on child welfare and the care of infants, in foreign languages.

U. S. Education Bureau:

1919 Bulletin No. 39. Training little children, suggestions for parents. 94p.

PERMANENT LOANS FROM THE TRAVELING LIBRARY.

All of the books offered in the July Occurrent have been taken by the various libraries in the state. The accompanying list is similarly selected from the Sociology and Economics sections. These books have not a popular appeal and are in most cases out of date, but libraries may occasionally find them useful as reference material. The Commission will be glad to send not more than ten to any library that asks for them and that will refund postal charges:

320 Stead, Wm. T. Americanization of the world. Markley, c1901.

Thompson, Robert E. Hand of God in American history. Crowell, c1902.

320.4 Butler, Nicholas M. Why should we change our form of government? Scribner, 1912.

321 Stickney, Albert. True republic. Harper, 1879.

325 Strong, Josiah. Expansion under new-world conditions. Baker, 1900.

Washington, B. T. Future of the American negro. Small, 1900.

- 330 Carnegie, Andrew. *Empire of business*. Doubleday, 1902.
 Ely, Richard T. *Problems of today*. Crowell, 1888.
 Hoffman, F. S. *Sphere of the state*. Putnam, 1894.
 Laveleye, Emile de. *Luxury*. Sonnenschein, 1891.
 Mulhall, Michael G. *Industries and wealth of nations*. Longmans, 1896.
 Spahr, Charles B. *Present distribution of wealth in the U. S.* Crowell, c1896.
- 331 Bascom, John. *Social theory*. Crowell, c1895.
 Chapin, R. C. *Standard of living among workmen's families in N. Y. City*. Charities pub. com., 1909.
 Giffen, Robert. *Growth of capital*. Bell, 1889.
 Hyndman, H. M. *Commercial crisis of the Nineteenth Century*. Sonnenschein, 1892.
 Mallock, W. H. *Labour and the popular welfare*. Black, 1896.
 Bucher, Carl. *Industrial evolution*. Holt, 1907.
 Worthington, T. L. *Dwellings of the poor, and Weekly wage-earners in and around towns*. Sonnenschein, 1893.
- 332 Giffen, Robert. *Case against bimetallicism*. Bell, 1892.
 Walker, Francis A. *Money in its relations to trade and industry*. Holt, 1889.
- 335 Gronlund, Laurence. *Co-operative commonwealths*. Lee, 1896.
 Moses, Bernard. *Democracy and social growth in America*. Putnam, 1898.
- 336 Ehrlich, Louis R. *Question of silver*. Putnam, 1896.
- 337 Bastiat, M. F. *Sophisms of protection*. Putnam, 1892.
 Byles, Sir J. B. *Sophisms of free-trade and popular political economy examined*. Heywood, 1888.
- 337 Farquhar, A. B. and Henry. *Economic and industrial delusions*. Putnam, 1891.
 Thompson, R. E. *Protection to home industry*. Appleton, 1886.
- 338 Baker, Charles W. *Monopolies and the people*. Putnam, 1899.
 Cook, Wm. W. *Corporation problem*. Putnam, 1893.
 Jenks, J. W. *Trust problem*. McClure, 1900.
 Spelling, T. C. *Trusts and monopolies*. Little, 1893.
- 338.8 Jeans, J. S. *Trusts, pools and corners*. Methuen, 1894.
- 342 *Federalist*; ed. by H. C. Lodge. Putnam, v1888.
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NEW LIBRARIES AND BUILDINGS.

Fremont.—A Public Library Board has been organized and Mr. Lynn Bisbee has been elected secretary. The Sorosis club has generously given to the public library its entire library.

Greentown.—In the near future Greentown will have a free public library. The former library was completely destroyed in the fire which swept away the public school building. The petition to establish the library, under the public library statute of 1901, was filed in the circuit court in August. The library Board has been organized with Mr. John Petro as president and Miss Minnie A. Parson as secretary. Steps have been taken to establish and equip the library.

Greenwood.—The library at this place is to be housed on the first floor of the new Community building. Until the building is completed the library will continue in its rented quarters.

Knox.—The library Board has rented the H. R. Robbins law office and will remove the library from the schoolhouse to these rooms. The library is open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and the number of readers is steadily increasing.

Lowell.—The library Board let the contract on October 6th for the erection of the new library building.

Nappanee.—The library Board has planned to use downtown quarters in the house on the lot which the Town Board purchased for the site of the new building. The library has obtained the support of three townships, Union and Locke in Elkhart county, and Scott in Kosciusko county.

Rockport.—The new Carnegie building for the city and Ohio township was completed in September, costing \$17,000. It will be open to the public soon.

Scottsburg.—Contractor for the new building expects to have library building under cover by November 1st.

Stilesville.—The organization of the library was perfected last fall, under the township law of 1899. The library is now open to the public and is housed in the High school building.

Swayzee.—The library Board has been organized with Mose Mark president, and Mrs. J. E. Groscost, secretary. The library will be open to both the town and Sims township.

Van Buren.—The new Carnegie building was thrown open to the public on September 1st.

NEWS OF INDIANA LIBRARIES.

Brazil.—The need of a county library for Clay county was recently shown when the County agent opened a farmers' library in his office in the court house. Besides books on agricultural subjects, fifteen farm papers are on display as well as plans for farm buildings and helpful charts.

Columbus.—An interesting collection of prints collected by the Rev. G. L. Curtiss of Columbus was recently presented to the local library by Mr. Curtiss' daughter. This collection numbered several thousand pictures of all varieties and will be a splendid addition to the reference facilities of the Columbus library.

The library board has made available for club use the assembly room in the basement. This is a large and attractive room and be-

cause of its central location will doubtless be much used.

All overdue fines were cancelled on August 1st when Miss Bonham became librarian. A large number of the older fines were entirely uncollectable and it was thot wiser to start the new regime with a clear slate. All overdue books were accepted without question for a few days and the records are now in much better shape.

Connersville.—A story hour has been conducted by Miss Norton of the library staff at Hawkins Playground each Wednesday afternoon during the summer. With the opening of the school year these will be continued in the community room of the library each Saturday afternoon.

Converse.—Several attractive features have been added to the library building during the past summer. Urns with flowers have been placed at the entrance and the building has been equipped with shades and screens. A special collection of books on technical and trade subjects has been purchased and these have been quite popular.

Decatur.—The library staff has kept a very complete scrapbook of clippings concerning the community and the war, all carefully dated and indexed. Another interesting local collection is an album full of local postcards, and of the letterheads of various firms in business in Decatur.

Elkhart.—While the result of a township support petition in Washington township is still uncertain, the town board of Bristol voted a separate appropriation for service from the Elkhart Public Library. The library is preparing to reopen the stations at Beardsley, Willowdale, East Elkhart and Fifth Ward schools and at the Conn factory. A station will be placed at Bristol and possibly others in Washington township.

Evansville.—An annex to the branch library in the Wheeler school building has just been completed in the shape of a rearrangement of an adjoining room formerly used by the manual training department.

The library can now report in addition to

its branches four school stations with night service, and eight stations in factories, churches and other institutions.

Evansville.—The library of the Evansville Woman's College, formerly the Moores Hill College, has been transferred to Evansville and it is hoped to have the books ready for use when college opens.

Frankfort.—Additional shelving which will accommodate 3,500 volumes has just been placed in the Frankfort library in the reference and main reading rooms. The ability to shelve all the reference books together will be especially appreciated.

Goshen.—"A modern community can protect itself and progress only through the intelligence of its citizens, and that intelligence requires the resources of books", says the librarian of Goshen in presenting her annual report, which certainly shows a very gratifying increase in the use of its library by the community. Though closed a month by the influenza epidemic, the circulation is but 3 per cent less than the total of the preceding year, and for the time open shows an increase of 8 per cent—5,500v. A great part of this gain has been in the classed books and reference material; in fact this increase is making imperative an extension of the space devoted to reading and reference. A count of users of the reading room during fourteen Spring weeks showed 6,000 patrons, while nearly four hundred reference questions were handled in the ten weeks from April to June, when reference work is at its lowest point everywhere.

In its sixteen years of service the average daily circulation has grown from 90 to 263, and last year averaged 6.6v. for every person in this city of 10,000; it cost 5½c to loan each book. Small collections of books were sent to district schools of the city at the request of the teachers, and also to one college class room, where the circulation record shows clearly how much they were appreciated. Seven hundred seventy-one volumes circulated 3,377 times though the schools were closed for six weeks, and one room of 34 pupils circulated nearly

900v. in about eight months. The five school stations in the townships circulated 3,750v. from a collection of 1,090v. in the same time, with a per capita of 18 loans per borrower, and one school circulated 32v. per pupil, a total of over 1,000v. for the school year.

Among additions to the equipment this year are a fine filing cabinet and much additional shelving; it is hoped to add a larger loan desk and to enlarge the Children's room in the near future. Limited shelf room forced the careful weeding out of the collection, and some 2,000v. have also been sent to the A. L. A. war service. Much money was saved to the book fund by the careful mending and recasing of worn books with the library's flexible glue outfit. A most successful story hour was conducted by Mrs. Emily Prough; this is the first year of this work, and its popularity can be guessed from the attendance of 2,450 children, an average of 55 at each of 44 group meetings, while February showed an average of 104 for four sessions.

It is hoped that the 4,600 borrowers of this library will read this report carefully, and in the next year make even wider use of the opportunities offered them in this wideawake institution.

Hebron.—The library has established what is to be known as the Hebron historical exhibit. This will consist of trophies picked up by the Hebron boys across the seas and loaned to the library. These will be carefully preserved together with such relics of the early days in Northern Indiana as may be given by some of the older residents of the community.

Indianapolis Public Library.—Miss Carrie Scott, supervisor of Children's work, has just submitted a report on the story hours conducted at the various playgrounds throughout the city in the course of the summer. Ten thousand children attended as against six thousand last year, while 2,855 volumes were circulated, almost three times as many as last summer.

The West Indianapolis Branch recently

displayed an exhibit of fancy work made by patrons and friends of the branch living in the vicinity. This was very popular and many new patrons were gained. The exhibit was accompanied by a display of the various books on the subject which the library could offer to borrowers.

The Riverside Park Branch has set aside each Monday evening from eight to ten for the blind people of the city. Many of these patrons come from the Industrial Aid, which is in the immediate vicinity. Current events are discussed and interesting magazine articles and books are read. Miss Harriet Manning, the branch librarian, states that a similar reading club has been in existence since July, 1916. Mrs. Leona Homan is the present reader, in place of Miss Ruth Pierce, who served in this capacity until very recently.

Indianapolis.—Technical High School will have a class in library training this year under Miss Lyle Harter of the School Library. One pupil will be selected for each school period and the entire time of that period is to be given to the work. A half credit will be allowed for the work.

Jeffersonville.—The Public Library remained closed during the hours of Mr. Carnegie's funeral, and a special memorial service was planned for children of the community the following Saturday morning. The Rev. H. C. Clippenger spoke and Mrs. Caldwell told Scotch fairy tales at the time of the regular story hour.

Kendallville.—The Public library had an exhibit at the County Fair showing the possibilities of township extension. Mrs. G. B. Bunyan was in charge and the display attracted a great deal of interest.

Kokomo.—In her annual report, the librarian expresses her sincere appreciation of the work of the women's committee which so generously and faithfully devoted their time to the collection of the books for the A. L. A. War service. It is notable that no special appeal ever had to be issued to the citizens to meet this demand, though Ko-

komo regularly exceeded her quota. The want was made known once to the public and thereafter the ladies of the committee had no trouble in collecting the books in whatever quantity needed.

Lawrenceburg.—Two new bookcases were recently given to the library by Miss Ella Squibbs.

Lebanon.—The library had an exhibit of books on dairying at the annual picnic of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company. About one hundred books on the subject are to be found on the library shelves.

Ligonier.—The library board has offered the use of its assembly room for the use of the commercial classes of the public schools.

Logansport.—The library board, which is also the school board of this city, held a separate meeting recently with the new members representing Cass County and elected a separate set of officers in order to prevent confusion between the functions of the two boards. C. C. Carr of the old board was elected president and Miss Marie Montgomery of the county members, secretary. The board has authorized the purchase of an auto truck and one thousand dollars' worth of new books for the extension service.

Michigan City.—The library reports the extension of service to three township schools similar to that formerly offered to the schools of the city alone.

Monticello.—To celebrate the extension of the city library service to the township, the library board entertained at an informal social in the library the faculty of the town and township schools and the members of the township advisory board with their wives.

New Albany.—The Public Library has recently received the autographed photograph of Major-General Edward M. Lewis in charge of Camp Gordon at Atlanta. General Lewis being a local product the picture, which has been hung in the main reading room, has attracted much interest.

Portland.—The library board has recently authorized the establishment of a rental collection for the purpose of supplying additional new books which the funds of the library do not permit it to purchase. Portland is one of the cities which has just obtained township support and this means additional demands on its resources.

Rising Sun.—A piano has just been placed in the assembly room of the library. This has been purchased by a number of interested patrons of the institution.

Roachdale.—The library has recently been completely cataloged by Miss Georgia Friedley of the Bedford Public Library. This is proving a great help in the work of the institution.

Roann.—The ladies of the town are planning a series of musical entertainments to raise money for the purchase of a piano for the library auditorium. A violinist and a reader from Peru are to help at the first concert.

South Bend.—Fire in the Trinity Presbyterian Church destroyed all the books of the Public Library station conducted there. There was a loss of about five hundred volumes.

Waterloo.—The Red Cross local unit, which has been using the Assembly room of the library for the past two years, has just donated \$200 for the purchase of new books. Most of this will be put into strengthening the Children's collection.

The library has a large blank book in which various Waterloo pioneers have written brief reminiscences of early days in the neighborhood. The second half of this volume is devoted to the personally written war records of the different Waterloo boys who saw service. There were 64 of these lads and the records of 50 of them have already been obtained.

West Lebanon.—The librarian now knows who is the most interested patron of the library. Rolla Lowe, a small boy of the community, recently came into the library one evening and became so engrossed in a volume that the librarian did not realize

that he was there, but locked the door for the night and went to her home. Rolla came to when the lights went out and escaped thru a cellar window.

Zionsville.—The books of the township library were removed from the Trustees' office early in August and taken to a large, bright, first floor room in the Hurst building. The room is at once more attractive and more accessible to the public.

PERSONALS.

Miss Blanch Barr has been appointed librarian at Worthington to succeed Mrs. Clodia H. Scott.

Miss Anna M. Bartrim, librarian at Rockport, died the first of September.

Miss Mellie Beckley, Summer school 1915, librarian at Royal Center, has resigned and was married on August 6th to Lester A. Meeks of Detroit. She is succeeded by Miss Olive Rhody, Summer school 1919.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beedle, Summer school 1918, has resigned as librarian at West Lebanon and has taken position as librarian of Calumet branch, East Chicago.

Mrs. Ralph Bertsche has been appointed librarian at Alexandria to succeed Miss Jennie Henshaw, who resigned to become children's librarian at East Chicago.

Miss Ruth Biser has been appointed librarian at West Lebanon to fill the place left vacant by Mrs. Beedle.

Mrs. Mabel Blough has recently been appointed librarian at Oakland City to succeed Miss Alice Dorsey.

Miss Ola Boling, assistant librarian at Clinton public library, has gone to Nashville, Tenn., for a six weeks' vacation. Her place is being filled by Miss Mary Bishop.

Miss Lenore Bonham, who has been in Washington doing war work, formerly assistant librarian of Columbus public library, replaces Mr. A. J. Dipboye, librarian, who has resigned. Mrs. Jack O'Bryan, for nine years assistant, has resigned and Miss Ella Stillwell has been appointed to take her place.

Miss Jessie P. Boswell, formerly with the Cincinnati Municipal Reference Bureau, and for the past year and a half at Washington in the Ordnance Department, doing war work, is now on the staff of the Indiana Bureau of Legislative Reference.

Miss Averil Campbell, Summer school 1919, is in charge of the library at Walton during the leave of absence of Miss Blanch Fair, Summer school 1915, who has entered Purdue University for the year.

Miss Dorothy Doyle, Summer school 1915, has returned from overseas after a year's service with the Red Cross canteen in Paris. She has resumed her work in the Bureau of Legislative Reference.

Miss Alma Downey has recently been appointed assistant librarian at Rising Sun.

East Chicago has made the following changes on their staff: Miss Jennie Henshaw, Summer school 1914, is in charge of the children's room; Mrs. Elizabeth Beedle, Summer school 1918, the librarian at the Calumet branch; Miss Josephine Andrews, Summer school 1913, recently returned from Washington where she has been doing war work, is librarian at Indiana Harbor.

Miss Theresa Farrell has been appointed librarian at Otterbein. She spent two weeks in August in the library at Oxford, learning about the work.

Mrs. Frank Ferguson (Charlotte Morris, Summer school 1915) has resigned as librarian of the Hobart branch of the Gary library and has been succeeded by Miss Caroline Robinson of Waukesha, Wis., who formerly had charge of the Tolleston branch of Gary library and has lately been doing A. L. A. war work in New York City.

Miss Mary Fishback, Summer school 1916, acting as assistant on Commission staff during the summer, will take up her work as a member of the Indianapolis library staff after a week's vacation in Cleveland.

Miss Evelyn Fullenwider is librarian of Waveland, Brown township, public library, succeeding Mrs. Nella Huston Lamb, resigned.

Miss Josephine Gardiner, of the South Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., has re-

cently been appointed assistant librarian at Frankfort to succeed Miss Edith Thompson, resigned.

Miss Anna Gibson, one of the staff of the Gary library, was married to Ross D. Marsh of Detroit early in July. They will live in Detroit, where Mr. Ross is engaged in the automobile business.

Miss Viola Held was appointed librarian of the public library at Williamsport in June.

Mrs. Clara Croft Henderson on the first of September became the second assistant librarian at Laporte public library.

Miss Florence Herbert, librarian at La Grange, was married August 26th to Mr. William Hefley of Lincoln, Nebraska. She will reside in Lincoln and her mother, Mrs. H. M. Herbert, has been appointed librarian.

Miss Mary Hiss has returned to the New York state library school for another year.

Miss Edna Holden, assistant at the Logansport library, has entered Wisconsin library school.

Miss Adria Humphreys (Summer school 1918), assistant librarian at Linton, joined the library staff of South Bend the first of July.

Mrs. Dove Lockhart of Owensville has taken the position of librarian at Oakland City college.

Miss Ethel McCulloch, apprentice at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial library, Terre Haute, is the new assistant librarian at Rose Polytechnic Institute.

Miss Ruth McCullough of Franklin has resigned her position on the Wisconsin library commission and will take charge of the library at Appleton, Wis.

Miss Lydia McMillan has been elected librarian of the Van Buren library. She spent a few weeks prior to her election in the Huntington public library.

Mr. W. V. Mangrum, librarian and secretary of the Board of Directors of the New Harmony library, has resigned and has been elected the superintendent of the Owensville schools. Mr. Arthur Fretagoet has been elected to fill the place of librarian and secretary of the Board.

Among the changes on the staff of the Public Library at Marion are the appointments of Miss Hallie E. Brimachombe as second desk assistant and Miss Georgina Eshelman, children's librarian.

Miss Marian Mears, 1919 graduate of St. Louis Summer library school, was appointed as a member of the library staff of the Ft. Wayne library the first of August.

Miss Bonnie Milam, librarian of the Gill township public library, directed the work of cataloging Merom college library this summer.

Miss Grace Milner, librarian of the Plymouth public library, has resigned to resume her course at Northwestern University.

Mrs. E. S. Morgan has recently been appointed librarian of the public library at Dublin.

Miss Hazel D. Newton, first assistant of the Shelbyville library, has been granted a leave of absence this year to attend Butler college.

Miss Cerene Ohr, who attended the New York state library school last year, has resumed her work as Supervisor of Branches in the Indianapolis public library.

Miss Marie Peters, Summer school 1918, of Evansville library, has entered Wisconsin University.

Miss Louise Pickard resigned from the staff of the Ft. Wayne public library in June.

Miss Betty H. Pritchett, librarian at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, has accepted an appointment as librarian at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., leaving September 10th.

Miss Marthana Drybread, assistant at Franklin library during the Summer, has entered Swarthmore college.

Miss Nell Ridpath (Summer school 1915), librarian of Shortridge high school, was married to Mr. Charles Sharp on August 22d.

Miss Marie Stouder, Summer school 1919, has been appointed assistant librarian at Goshen.

Miss Gertrude Ryan has accepted the position as librarian of the East Washington Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library, to succeed Miss Grace Walker.

Miss Lura M. Slaughter resigned as librarian at Spencer on September 15th to be married. Miss Margaret Sentell, Syracuse University Library school 1919, is the new librarian. Miss Sentell is from Sodus, N. Y., and was in charge of library at Silver Bay.

Miss Eda Tanke, formerly of Pendleton library and assistant at Van Wert Ohio County library, will attend Wisconsin library school.

Mrs. Mary L. Tennant, acting librarian at Rockville, has taken position as assistant at Evansville. Miss Mary Lambert has been appointed librarian at Rockville.

Miss Hope Thomas of the Ft. Wayne staff resigned July 1st to take a position at McCool Aviation field, Dayton.

Miss Grace Thompson, Summer school 1915, librarian of Ft. Wayne School for Feeble-Minded, has a leave of absence to attend Mrs. Blaker's School for teachers.

Miss Helen Tukey, of Marion, was recently appointed librarian at Oxford College. Miss Tukey was a Summer school graduate of 1915.

Miss Hazel Warren, after a year's work at New York State Library school, has returned to the State Library as first assistant in the cataloging department.

Miss Sarah Weiner has resigned her position at Gary Public Library where she had been employed for two years. She will make her home in Chicago. Miss Fay Wadell has been added to the staff to fill her place.

Miss Ellen H. Yoder, children's librarian at East Chicago, left September 1st to become a staff member of the Public Library at Waterbury, Conn.

Miss Charlotte Wilk, a member of the library staff at Whiting, was married to Mr. Davis Miko, August 22d.

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